

VETO QUESTION FIRST SETTLED

Chancellor of the Exchequer Estimates Majority at From 130 to 140

STANDING OF PARTIES AT NOON TO-DAY.

Government Coalition 209
Liberals 184
Opposition—Coalition 185

Aquith Defines Election Issue, addressing working men at Guildbridge Bazaar Works, said that to reduce the House of Lords to the position of a subordinate chamber was the whole point of the election.

London, Dec. 8.—Lloyd-George, speaking at Severn yesterday, estimated the government's majority at from 120 to 140, and said the first thing the government would do when the job was back would be to settle the Lords vote.

Following are Wednesday results not believed until today:

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CITY CHARTERS ARE CARVED UP

Municipal Law Committee Make Short Work of Amendments Asked for by Cities

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GRAIN VESSEL RAN ON ROCKS

Steamer Van Ashore on Ice Royal of Fort William Harbor—Crew Believed to be Safe

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DISFRANCHISING CLAUSE CUT OUT

Influential Delegation From Strathcona Appears Before Municipal Committee and Protests

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'PEG' INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TODAY

Dr. Shearer Neither Charges Nor Exonerates Police—Accusations Not Based on Personal Observation

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PAPER PLACED ON TABLE OF HOUSE

MEMBER FOR PEACE RIVER ATTEMPTS TO BRING CUSHING CHARGES BEFORE HOUSE

An attempt to bring before the legislature the charges made against W. H. Cushing was made yesterday by J. K. Cornwall. The desired result was not attained however through a full page attack upon the ex-minister published in an Edmonton paper now lies on the table of the House, where it was placed by the member for Peace River.

Immediately after prayers Mr. Cornwall rose to a question of privilege and those who were anticipating a sensation crowded into the chamber. He called the attention of the members to the article which, he said, he would place on the table. He quoted section 44 of chapter two of the Election act of 1903, which provided that the assembly should have all the rights of a court for the purpose of inquiring into and punishing assaults, insults and libels upon the members while in session. "This article is true or it is not true," he said, "and the House would like to know."

Mr. Cushing was absent from the legislature at the time, not having arrived in the building.

Looked Like Trouble.
It looked as if another embroilment might be precipitated and the members for a moment waited in silence. But Premier Sifton quelled the threatened disturbance.

Hiding in his place he remarked: "I think it is hardly consistent with the dignity of this House to take any action with regard to anonymous communications."

With this the matter dropped and the House proceeded to other business.

The House was in committee of the whole for most of the afternoon and business was rushed ahead so fast that the order paper was cleared off before the hour for adjournment came and no evening session was necessary.

Life Insurance Bill Killed.
The only bill that brought out any extended discussion was the one to incorporate the Northwest Life Insurance Co. This was promoted by J. B. Boyle, but it was killed when it came up for the second reading. A large majority of the members held the opinion that it would be unwise to give powers to a life insurance company when there was no machinery for its control.

Mr. Boyle in moving the second reading said he was the insurance companies who were not w-

der government control. At the present time the companies can do business by sitting themselves to operate by incorporation or under the Foreign Companies Ordinance. He thought all these companies should be brought under a federal act. At present the province has no control over companies outside the province. In order to protect the province in this act he said a clause was inserted whereby the company could not do business until it complied with the Dominion regulations.

Benett Approves.
R. B. Bennett expressed the opinion that registration in the province under the Foreign Companies Ordinance should not give the province control. He thought that every assurance should be given the public where small companies were incorporated. In view of the statement of the member for Sturgeon that a clause was inserted that the company could not commence business until it had complied with the Dominion regulations he had no objection to the bill being passed.

Malcolm McKenzie expressed himself as opposed to incorporating any insurance companies by the province until there was a probability to regulate them and protect the province. This bill could have gone to the federal parliament for incorporation without any hardship. He would oppose the bill.

Premier Sifton then expressed an opinion which prevailed with the majority of the House. He said, speaking personally, and not for the government, he was opposed to the bill. The company had been refused registration under the Foreign Companies Ordinance. He would oppose all similar bills for life insurance. Fire insurance companies were on a different basis because fire policies expired shortly while life insurance policies lasted for years.

The bill was defeated on its motion for second reading.

For Agricultural Societies.
An act to amend the Act respecting Agricultural Societies was introduced by Hon. Mr. Marshall and given a first reading. It provides for amendments made necessary owing to the increase in the number of those societies. It will go up for second reading on Friday.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Marshall a bill to amend the Statute in force in the Act respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese was given second readings. They will be considered in committee of the whole to-day. The principal amendment in the former provides the word "ten" shall be changed to "five" specifying the days after the inspector reports before weeds must be removed.

Other Bills Second Reading.
Other bills given second readings to-day were the Northwest Land Incorporation Bill and the Northwest

Fire Insurance Co. and to extend the limits in the charter of the Lacombe, Haultagneville and Altus railway and the Lacombe and Blindman Valley railway, both of which are proposed electric lines, with a committee for a central point.

First readings were given to bills respecting the Baptist Union of Western Canada and the Pharmaceutical Association of Alberta. The bill relating to Stettin was withdrawn as it was found that provision was made to give a franchise to an electric light company could be conferred by a majority vote of the voters.

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The bills there considered were an Act respecting Altruism, Aid, Relief, and Act to Prevent Poverty, two Insurance Company Incorporations and Mr. Puffer's two railway bills. All were passed with few amendments.

WHOLE CHIEF LOST SAVE ONE.
One Man of Crew of New Found Chasing to Wreck.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 7.—Of the six men headed by Captain Adolphus Sylvia, who sailed out of Edgartown last Saturday on the schooner Oliver May, only one was clinging to the wreck which was discovered by the life-saving crew, about 112 miles East of Gay Head Light on the South side of the island at dawn today.

The man, who the life-savers were about to haul ashore in the breeches buoy, was taken from his perilous position by another schooner, which, shortly after, was reported to have been taken ashore in the breeches buoy and details were not expected to be known until late today. It is thought that the schooner was wrecked in yesterday's storm, which was very severe.

BALLOONING IS FINE SPORT
Likened to Beer, and Aeroplaning to Whisky, by Aviator Post.

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—"Ballooning is a barrel of beer, aeroplaning a drink of whisky," said Augustus Post, who after establishing an American balloon record with Hawley, entered an aeroplane next here today.

"If you are thirsty you want the beer," said the aviator, "but if you are thirsty you want the beer," he continued, "they have been working with the balloon for 114 years. It is only within the last three or four years that much has been done to develop the aeroplane. Wait until they have worked more than a century with the aeroplane and you can tell where the two stand."

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 7.—Because a woman taxpayer was denied the right to vote at an election the proceedings instituted by the village of Seneca Falls to issue \$10,000 in bonds for waterworks improvements have been declared invalid by the court of appeals.

CANDIDATES ADDRESS RIVERDALE MEETING

Applicants For Civic House Appeal to Riverdale-Griffin. Program, Appeal to Voters Recalled to Remember Performance in Future.

A municipal meeting was held in the Riverdale school house last evening with R. C. Watson in the chair. The meeting, which was well attended, was addressed by all the alternate candidates with the exception of Mr. McKim, who is absent from the city. C. Lionel Gilhe, who has the support of the Municipal Improvement League, was the first to take the platform. The remarks had been made, he said, that he was the youngest candidate. He was not ashamed of the fact, as the development of the west had been carried on so largely by young men. Referring to the proposed union of the municipalities of Edmonton and Strathcona, he said that he believed that this union if effected would be to the advantage of both cities, and would therefore have his full support in the event of his election. The erection of the river bank, he continued, was another matter which required immediate attention from the council. In his opinion, when the necessary precautions had been taken the portion of the bank affected might well be used for park purposes. He also advocated a free library with branch reading rooms, and the preparation of plans to cover the development of the city for the next fifteen or twenty years.

G. May's Address.
G. May was the second speaker. Mr. May claimed the distinction of having been the first to publish his platform, which he announced ten days ago. He had also been the first to present to the public a definite and comprehensive scheme of park development, recommending that the services of a competent landscape artist be secured to submit plans for the improvement of the park spaces in the city. These plans, he said, should be carried out by the devotion of a certain sum of the work yearly, thus by gradual steps advancing to the completion of the original design. It was a matter of surprise to him, he said, that ten days after the announcement of his scheme and on the eve of the election the parks committee should submit a report to the council embodying his suggestions. He wondered what it had been in their mind, they had delayed the announcement until the time of their retirement and until the eve of another election.

Banished Industries.
Explaining his position regarding the burning of industries, Mr. May declared that it was his right not just to burn new industries at the expense of those that had established themselves and asked no favors. He favored the acquisition of suitable sites, however, to be sold or leased at nominal rentals for this purpose.

He also advocated the adoption of the city of Chicago's plan of a public utility. The city, he thought, should give assistance in the installation of water and sewer facilities where householders were unable to bear the expense. He appealed to them to his regard for a business man and declared that the affairs of the city would receive from him the same attention that he gave to his own business.

No Maker of Speeches.
Ald. McKimley declared that he was no maker of speeches, and said that he was prepared to meet his appeal for the suffrage of the electors upon the record of his work as a member of the council, of which he thought he had no reason to be ashamed.

Having declared that he was prepared to answer questions he was asked by a member of the audience whether he favored "the payment of exorbitant salaries to commissioners."

Accepting this as a reference to the utilities commissioner Ald. McKimley made an appeal to the electors to give Commissioner Boulton a full re-election. He believed that he should be given the opportunity to show results and this would of necessity take time. The good work he was doing now, said Ald. McKimley, would not be apparent to the electors until next year.

Favors Day Labor.
John MacDonald congratulated the audience on the interest displayed by them in municipal affairs. He declared himself as strongly in favor of the performance of all city work by day labor instead of by contract. He had learned, he said, from a reliable source, that the paving companies alone had taken from the city in one year no less than \$25,000 of profit. This would have been saved to the city had the work been done by the municipality. He emphasized the necessity for the immediate construction of the East end bridge, and strongly advocated the adoption of a system of recall.

Ald. Landy's Record.
Ald. Landy said that as a retired member of the council appealing for re-election it was due to them, that he should give some account of the work he had done. He believed that he could justly claim that he had fulfilled his pre-election promises. He had been one of the prime movers in the development of the East end park. Its usefulness as a park during this year had been in a measure lost owing to a lack of transportation facilities which he had supplied later.

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He stated that borrowings had already been taken for the East end bridge and that the money involved would be submitted with others on January 15th.

Thos. Grimley's Address.
Thos. Grimley emphasized the importance of an acquaintance on the part of aldermen with the needs of existing districts. He condemned the manner of the appointment of the utilities commissioner. He said that he had no desire whatever to cast reflections upon his work or capabilities, but the method of appointment had not appeared to him as a business man.

He thought that civic work would be greatly improved if the council and commissioners would get into closer touch. So far as he could see the only reason why Commissioner Boulton was hired was to hear the representations of the aldermen, and to give them the opportunity to refer to him people who came to them with kicks and grievances.

He was a business man and wanted things done in a business-like way.

Peter Talks Railway.
A. E. Potter expressed at length his scheme for the elimination of trunk lines and grade crossings, explaining in detail the advantages which he claimed would follow in the improvement to the appearance of the city and greater facility in handling civic utilities.

The success of any street car line, he declared, was the operation of bell lines, which would be made possible by the adoption of his scheme.

He took issue with Ald. Landy on the value of Beechmont as industrial property.

He also expressed himself as in favor of closer union of Edmonton with Strathcona.

Great City in Prospect.
Ald. Stewart said that if Edmonton they had a great city in prospect. He believed that it would become a second Winnipeg. In order to ensure its prosperity it was necessary that the surrounding country should be developed. He believed, therefore, that the council should take its influence with the legislature to secure the development of the north country.

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themselves and asked no favors. He favored the acquisition of suitable sites, however, to be sold or leased at nominal rentals for this purpose.

He also advocated the adoption of the city of Chicago's plan of a public utility. The city, he thought, should give assistance in the installation of water and sewer facilities where householders were unable to bear the expense. He appealed to them to his regard for a business man and declared that the affairs of the city would receive from him the same attention that he gave to his own business.

No Maker of Speeches.
Ald. McKimley declared that he was no maker of speeches, and said that he was prepared to meet his appeal for the suffrage of the electors upon the record of his work as a member of the council, of which he thought he had no reason to be ashamed.

Having declared that he was prepared to answer questions he was asked by a member of the audience whether he favored "the payment of exorbitant salaries to commissioners."

Accepting this as a reference to the utilities commissioner Ald. McKimley made an appeal to the electors to give Commissioner Boulton a full re-election. He believed that he should be given the opportunity to show results and this would of necessity take time. The good work he was doing now, said Ald. McKimley, would not be apparent to the electors until next year.

Favors Day Labor.
John MacDonald congratulated the audience on the interest displayed by them in municipal affairs. He declared himself as strongly in favor of the performance of all city work by day labor instead of by contract. He had learned, he said, from a reliable source, that the paving companies alone had taken from the city in one year no less than \$25,000 of profit. This would have been saved to the city had the work been done by the municipality.

He emphasized the necessity for the immediate construction of the East end bridge, and strongly advocated the adoption of a system of recall.

Ald. Landy's Record.
Ald. Landy said that as a retired member of the council appealing for re-election it was due to them, that he should give some account of the work he had done. He believed that he could justly claim that he had fulfilled his pre-election promises. He had been one of the prime movers in the development of the East end park. Its usefulness as a park during this year had been in a measure lost owing to a lack of transportation facilities which he had supplied later.

He had also been one of the advocates of the construction of the Rhineland street bridge. He had also advocated the use of the old hospital ground for park purposes.

During his term as alderman he had noticed that the pure water supply involved a large expenditure and had been the first to advocate the establishment of a municipal nursery. This had been adopted and the ground had been prepared for planting in the spring. He also claimed that he was the rather of the proposal to establish a public library.

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He thought that if Mr. Potter's scheme for the elimination of trunk lines was practicable it would be of great advantage to the city. He favored the compulsory development of the Hudson Bay reserve by any means within the power of the city.

He declared himself as desiring to assist in the development and maintenance of a healthy, prosperous and beautiful city.

Must Have Free Hand.
Geo. Gowan, the last of the speakers, as the candidate of the Riverdale Homeopaths' association, received a great ovation from his friends and neighbors. He said that he had accepted the nomination upon the understanding that he would have a free hand. He was in favor of a square deal to all sections of the city. He declared himself to be a friend of the laboring man.

Riverdale, he said, had an area of eighty acres and a population of 1,000, or one-twenty-fifth of the total population of the city. Although not heavy taxpayers they turned into the city treasury last year in direct taxes no more than \$4,000, half of which was for schools. For the remaining amount of \$2,000, all that they had received during the year had been three hydrants and two electric lights. This, he said, was true, but the city had brought the water and sewer facilities into Riverdale. This, however, was not because they wanted to do so but because they had no other place to put it—they needed an outlet.

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